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Bob and Jim.

This is to provide EPA's determination regarding the submittal dates for the revised RI and draft FS reports. EPA has considered the draft letter that was provided with the LWG's March 9, 2011 request for an extension of the deadline to dispute the revised RI and draft FS submittal deadlines, and our recent discussions on this topic.

Revised RI Report

In our February 25, 2011 letter EPA provided two options for the revised RI report submittal deadline: 1) September 28, 2011 if the LWG provides an acceptable schedule for submittal of preliminary revised sections of the report for EPA review and feedback, or 2) August 1, 2011 if preliminary sections of the report are not submitted in advance of the revised RI report. It is our understanding that the LWG does not intend to provide a schedule that includes submittal of preliminary sections of the RI for advance EPA review. EPA has considered the LWG's input and is willing to extend the submittal date of the revised RI report an additional four weeks to August 29, 2011.

Draft FS Report

EPA has considered the LWG's input regarding this deadline but is not willing to extend the submittal date for the draft FS Report. The deadline for submittal of the draft FS Report is November 15, 2011 as directed by our February 25, 2011 letter.

EPA understands that meeting these deadlines may be challenging, but these submittal dates also represent significant extensions to the original deadlines for these documents. We look forward to working with the LWG to help expedite completion of these reports.

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